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Statement Regarding Duty Of Disclose Information Material To Patentability Under 37 CFR 1.56 (a) and (b)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 By Facsimile

Sir:

This statement is to inform the United States of Patent and Trademark Office that Applicants and their representative have made a good faith effort in searching prior art relating to this invention.

No prior art material to patentability of the present invention has been found. The closest information associated with the invention is disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 in the top BLAST search results. However, this information, by itself or in combination with other information, does not constitute a prima facie case of unpatentability of any of the pending claims. Thus, it does not defeat the novelty of the present invention and the actual underlying references for the top BLAST hits are not being provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicants hereby notify the US Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form SB/08A, which may be deemed relevant to the patentability of the claims of the above application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith. The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application.

No fee is due for this submission. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees related to the processing of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

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